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SUBJECT: JAPDEVA AWARDS LOCOMOTIVE CONTRACT
AND PLANS NEW TENDERS

REF: (A) SAN JOSE 1740; (B) SAN JOSE 3525

1. JAPDEVA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE APPROVED THE
AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MECANO EXPORT-IMPORT OF
RUMANIA TO SUPPLY ALL TEN LOCOMOTIVES SOUGHT UNDER
THE INITIAL TENDER. THIS AWARD INCLUDES THE EIGHT
PREVIOUSLY AWARDED TO ALSTHROM COMPANY (FRANCE)
AND ANNULLED BY THE CONTROLLER REF. B.

2. THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS
BASED LARGELY ON THE FACT THAT MECANO EXPORT-IMPORT
WAS THE ONLY ONE OF THE FOUR FIRMS TENDERING,
ACCORDING TO THE CONTROLLER, THAT MET ALL
REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS. A FOURTH
TENDER WAS THE ONLY OTHER OPTION OPEN TO THE
BOARD WHO BELIEVED THIS WOULD REQUIRE TOO
MUCH TIME.

3. WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, JAPDEVA WILL OFFICIALLY
INVITE TENDERS FOR ANOTHER 12 DIESEL ELECTRIC
LOCOMOTIVES WITH A CAPACITY FOR THE CONVERSION
FROM DIESEL TO ELECTRICAL OPERATION. THESE
LOCOMOTIVES ARE TO BE USED BETWEEN LIMA
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AND SAN JOSE. (SUCH WAS THE INITIAL INTENTION

OF THE FIRST PURCHASE AND TENDS TO IMPLY
THAT THOSE ORDERED FROM THE RUMANIANS WILL
BE PUT INTO SERVICE ELSEWHERE). TENDERS
FOR AN ADDITIONAL FOUR DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES FOR
RR YARD SERVICE WILL BE INVITED AT THE SAME TIME.

4. ACCORDING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE
12 DIESEL ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES, THIS TIME
AROUND, WILL HAVE TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE
ROLLING STOCK AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY
CURRENTLY EMPLOYED. SUCH A REQUIREMENT
WOULD HIGHLY FAVOR GENERAL ELECTRIC.
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